

GRAVEL REMOVAL INFORMATIONAL HEARING - JOHN RASKIEWICZ

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Those present were, from New Boston, Marian Chittim, Randy Parker, Maurice Briere, Armand Hebert, Ted Olson, Rhoda Clark, Robert Thomas, Donald Chaman, Beatrice, Beth and Sanford Kanzer, Milton Elliott, William Manna, Patricia and Robert Getman, Rosemary and Edward Gallagher, Dr. Samuel and Martha Brooks, Reginald Hayes, Donald Ryan, Harold Strong, Charles Houghton, and Jay Marden. From Goffstown: Kilton Barnard, Madeline Hand, Stephen Mattil, Ted Rohr, Diana Sterling, Nelson McCaskill, Police Dept. and Mr. Nickerson, Selectman; John Raskiewicz and counsel, William Aivalikles; three New Boston Selectmen and secretary and counsel, representing New Boston for David Nixon, Luke O'Neil; Union Leader correspondent, Gretchen *Fehrenbacher*.

The meeting was opened at 8:20 pm in the Town Hall by Roland Sallada. He reviewed the happenings of the previous meeting for the benefit of those present and read the minutes of that meeting. He explained that the town was operating under a court order and the meetings were held as a courtesy and not required.

Letters were read from interested persons from Goffstown and Grasmere, expressing opposition to the operation. Mr. Mansfield noted that it seemed to be assumed that the travel route would be through Grasmere, whereas no route has as yet been established.

DIANA STERLING that the noise was unbearable, and she spoke for all her neighbors.

STEPHEN MCCASKILL, POLICE DEPT, GOSS. reported statistics of 51% more accidents since trucks are traveling. He pointed out many instances of hazardous parking by the trucks. He offered pictures of a truck-car accident.

KILTON BARNARD feels that Goffstown has reached the sturation point of noise, and wishes to go on record that he is opposed to further increase in gravel trucks.

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DR. BROOKS feels that the whole landscape should be monitored to determine water level and check on the amount of gravel actually being hauled. He feels the bond should be as large as the cost of restoring the land to its natural state. He questioned that the trees have been removed too close to the road. He is in full agreement with the Goffstown citizens in opposition.

PATRICIA GETMAN asked how long the project would last.

MR. MANSFIELD replied that it was not known.

Mr. SALLADA added that a permit was issued for one year only.

PATRICIA GETMAN reasoned that if the trucks do not go through Goffstown, then they would be going through New Boston, which poses a great danger.

MADELINE HAND expressed strong feelings about human rights being invaded upon.

EDWARD GALLAGHER asked how many gravel permits the town of New Boston has issued.

ANSWER: about 14, mostly for 10,000 yards or less.

MR. GALLAGHER asked if the route was specifically named in the proposal. Town counsel said the proposal agrees that there will be no change with the impact of traffic traveling north on route 13.

DONALD CHAPMAN said he estimates that 50 trucks per day is an impact.

STEPHEN MATTIL wished to go on record as opposed to the traffic.

TED ROHR related that there had been many accidents in front of his driveway which is on the other side of a high rise in the main road, making a blind area. Therefore he disapproves of Grasmere being the truck route.

BEATRICE KANZER expressed sympathy for the people of Goffstown in regard to the noise and traffic.

SELECTMEN NICKERSON said he does not wish to tell the New Boston Selectmen how to run their town, but the Goffstown Selectmen voted unanimously to ask that this project not be allowed until all other operations are ended. There is one point in their route where 251 trucks go through. The Selectmen wish to go on record to appeal to the Selectmen to deny the permit.

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ARMAND HEBERT wanted to know what the Selectmen planned to do about bonding private wells.

MR. O'NEIL explained this item would be part of the agreement. ARMAND HEBERT expressed concern over his well and asked that a bond should be posted to cover each property involved (6) by a minimum of \$10,000.

MILTON ELLIOTT extolled upon the safety features he uses in his personal operation.

JAY MARDEN showed concern on the amount of the bonding being sufficient to cover cost of restoration of land to its original condition and advised that the Selectmen check the site to make sure the conditions of the permit are complied with. He asked if the permit would be for one year.

ANSWER: Yes.

WILLIAM MANNA asked if the public would be notified of the conditions prepared by the Selectmen. It was noted that there would be no other public meeting scheduled, but expected that there would be publicity on this matter contained in the weekly Goffstown News.

SANFORD KANZER also expressed desire to know the specifics of the agreement.

RHODA CLARK hoped that the Selectmen would limit the number of trucks.

DIANA STERLING submitted documents from AAA showing that 2-lane roads are the most dangerous.

ROLAND SALLADA read a letter from the Piscataquog Watershed Asso in opposition to gravel removal for ecology sake.

REGINALD HAYES asked if the Tingley operation is dead.

ROLAND SALLADA informed him that it is<sup>a</sup> very "live" operation. Performance by Milton Elliott.

MADELINE HAND likened the noise of the trucks to the elevated trains in New York City.

RANDY PARKER asked if the court order required Mr. Raskiewicz to submit an application.

MR. O'NEIL reiterated the time limits involved in each procedure

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and advised that this is a litigation and not a new application. In the event that the both parties are unable to reach an accord under this court order, the recessed hearing shall be rescheduled upon request of either party, and the reconvened hearing shall not be considered an appeal in its own right of the presentation, responses and decision of the Selectmen under the Court Order.

RANDY PARKER asked if Mr. Raskiewicz was granted an easement on his property by the State of N. H.

MR. RASK: I was asked to sell.

MR. PARKER: Did you sell?

MR. RASK: No

TED OLSON: Was there a major reason why Mr. Raskiewicz was denied a permit on his first application?

ROLAND SALLADA: Mainly, the removal of gravel was to be removed lower than the river level. This time, they plan to go no lower than four feet above water level.

TED OLSON: I wish to go on record to ask that a bond be required for my well and Mrs. Hunter.

DONALD BYAM said he sold land under the easement only on the river side.

HAROLD STRONG offered that one way to find water table is to take test holes.

JAY MARDEN: Are the original plans available to show what acreage is to be disturbed?

REPLY: Yes.

MR. ROHR commented that Goffstown had a much smaller operation with a \$10,000 bond, and this operation should be much, much higher.

ROLAND SALLADA informed that the town holds insurance bonds and a cash bond, the town keeping the interest.

DONALD CHAPMAN wanted to know if the court would make a decision if both parties could not reach a decision.

ANSWER: Yes.

Everyone present was assured that all opinions and letters would be weighed ~~for~~ in a decision.

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MAURICE BRIERE asked if the noise of the trucks would not devalue the property on these routes.

ROLAND SALLADA replied he could not say. Each Board would have different ideas.

ROSEMARY GALLAGHER, a realtor, offered that it definitely affects the sale of property.

EDWARD GALLAGHER asked if the copy of the specifics from the Selectmen to Mr. Raskiewicz be available for distribution.

ANSWER: Yes..

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm